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DEPARTMENT PASS AID AND PEACE CORPS

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SUBJECT: GON COMMENTS ON USAID AND PEACE CORPS IN NIGER

1. DURING APRIL 23-25 VISIT TO NIGER NATIONAL WAR COLLEGE
MET WITH VICE PRESIDENT SANI SIDOU, FONMIN DJERMAKOYE
AND CHIEF OF STAFF OF NEGERIEN FORCES CAAPTAIN ALI SAIBOU.
COMMENTS FONMIN DJERMAKOYE ABOUT US ASSISTANCE TO
NIGGER ARE WORTH NOTING AS HE WENT OUT OF HIS WAY TO TELL
NWC VISITORS ABOUT NIGER'S GRATITUDE FOR US ASSISTANCE IN BOTH
EMERGENCY RELIEF MEASURES AND MORE LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT.

2. DJERMAKOYE SAID HE WANTED TAKE OPPORTUNITY DURING
NWC VISIT, TO GO ON RECORD WITH EXPRESSION OF
APPRECIATION FOR EXTENT AND NATURE OF US ASSISTANCE. HE
SAID US HAD BEEN GENEROUS IN MATERIAL THINGS SUCH AS OVER
\$30 MILLION EMERGENCY FOOD AID AS WELL AS EQUIPMENT,
TRUCKS, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, ETC. EQUALLY IMPORTANT WAS
HUMAN ELEMENT. HE WISHED TO COMMEND USAID STAFF
IN NEGER WHOSE PROFESSIONAL JUDGMENT WAS VALUED AND
RESPECTED AND WHO UNDER TRYING ACTIONS HAD KEPT THEIR
SENSE OF HUMOR. GON OFFICIALS LIKE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION
WITH WHICH AID STAFF WENT ABOUT ITS BUSINESS.

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3. DJERMAKOYE CONCLUDED WITH SPECIAL NOTE OF PRAISE FOR PEACE CORPS. REFERRING AGAIN TO HUMAN ELEMENT, HE SAID HE WISHED TO TAKE SPECIAL NOTE OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS (WITH SOME OF WHOM NWC HAD MET EARLIER IN DAY) WHO CAME TO NIGER AND ARE PREPARED TO LIVE EN BROSSE UNDER EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES, WHO LEARNED LOCAL LANGUAGES, AND WHO CONTRIBTUE BOTH THEIR TECHNPCAL EXPERTISE, WHATEVER IT MIGHT BE, AS WELL AS FINE PERSONAL QUALITIES WHICH HELP TO FORM STRONG BONDS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN PEOPLES. VOLUNTEERS, HE SAID, CREATE VERY POSITIVE IMAGE FOR US IN NIGER.HECK

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